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| <b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b> | Application No.  | Applicant(s) |  |
|   | 10/602,791       | RUGG ET AL   |  |
|   | Examiner         | Art Unit     |  |
|   | Julie Anne Watko | 2627         |  |

**All Participants:**

(1) Assignee's Rep. Robert J. Pechman, Reg. No. 45002.

(2) Primary Examiner Julie Anne Watko, AU 2627.

**Status of Application:** affirmed in part, reversed in part by BPAI

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**Date of Interview:** 17 February 2009

**Time:** 11:35AM

**Type of Interview:**

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

**Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

**Rejection(s) discussed:**

none

**Claims discussed:**

6 and 21-27

**Prior art documents discussed:**

none

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*Assignee's Rep. authorized the Examiner to amend claim 6 as proposed in the non-entered amendment filed 02/12/2009 by Examiner's Amendment as soon as possible.*

**Part III.**

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

02/17/2009  
/Julie Anne Watko/  
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2627

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature - if appropriate)

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### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Assignee's Rep. Robert J. Pechman (Reg. No. 45002) on 02/17/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A data storage device of claim 5 comprising:  
a base plate having a top surface;  
a spindle motor positioned on the top surface of the base supporting one or more data  
storage discs for rotation on the spindle motor;  
an actuator assembly positioned on the top surface of the base plate adjacent the data  
storage disc; and  
a flex printed circuit board assembly on the top surface of the base plate, the flex printed  
circuit board assembly including a stiffener attached to a bottom surface of a flexible  
printed circuit, and having actuator and motor electronic control components thereon,  
wherein the stiffener is metal and forms a ground plane for the circuitry on the flexible printed circuit.

2. Claims 1-5 and 8-11 were cancelled on 01/30/2009.

### Conclusion

3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications

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may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Anne Watko whose telephone number is (571) 272-7597. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon & Fri, 9:30AM to 7:30PM, Tues-Thurs after 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea L. Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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